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Comments: Rock climbing is one of the most important parts of my life. As a whole family, we spend most of our free time in the mountains climbing in places like Yosemite Valley or high Sierra mountains. Ability to climb natural rocks was one of the main motivations for our family to move to California. I always appreciated the great balance between safety and preservation of the natural rock that US climbers stroke. As a point of reference, in Europe with equally large climbing community the balance is shifted far more towards safety with all routes being fully bolted. US climbers are very conscious about using as little fixed protection as possible.

I worry that the new proposed legislation will have 2 major consequences: a) it will lead to serious risk of injuries or death on existing routes due to lack of ability to maintain the fixed gear, b) it will cripple the climbing sport forcing our great athletes to look for opportunities outside the our country, taking the outdoor commerce with them (companies like Black Diamond, The North Face, Sterling, and many more). Major internationally recognized accomplishments like the Dawn Wall or Free Solo will no longer bring pride to our great country.